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Letter dated 1 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address you with regard to the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in particular the item entitled: "The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom and development". In conformity with decision 60/508, this item remains on the agenda for consideration only upon notification by a Member State. My delegation has made such notifications during the sixty-third, sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth sessions in relation to the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala.

On the most recent occasion, the General Assembly adopted resolution 65/181, whereby the membership took note with appreciation of the letter from the Secretary-General regarding the new developments related to the Commission (A/65/618), as well as the request of the Government of Guatemala to extend its mandate for an additional two years, until 3 September 2013. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue to periodically keep the Assembly informed of the work of the Commission and the implementation of said resolution. The Commission recently launched its 2012-2013 workplan aimed at four strategic goals to implement its mandate and strengthen national institutions.

It is for this reason that we respectfully request that the agenda item "The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development" again be activated during the sixty-seventh session, in order to consider recent developments of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala. My Government deems it timely to inform the General Assembly of the commitments met and progress achieved, not only in order to implement resolutions 58/239, 63/19, 64/7 and 65/181, but also because we believe that this initiative is of general interest to Member States. I also request that you have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Gert **Rosenthal**
Permanent Representative

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